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FOR F-35A OPERATIONAL BASING**

After careful consideration of relevant operational, environmental, economic, and technical factors discussed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), public input, and other relevant factors, the Air Force signed two Records of Decisions on December 2, 2013 for the proposed beddown (or basing) of F-35A operational aircraft: one for Air Combat Command (ACC) bases and the other for the Air Reserve Command/Air National Guard installations. While only one EIS was used to analyze the impacts for each separate action of basing F-35A operational aircraft at an Active Duty base and at an Air Reserve Command/Air National Guard installation, the two Records of Decisions are separate and distinct decisions that are being made as evidenced by two separate Record of Decision documents.

Of the three ACC alternative basing locations, the Air Force decided to implement a decision to base up to 72 F-35A and associated construction at Hill AFB in Utah to accommodate aircraft anticipated to start arriving in 2015. Of the three Air Reserve Command/Air National Guard alternative basing locations, the Air Force decided to implement a decision to base up to 18 F-35A and associated construction at Burlington Air Guard Station (AGS) in Vermont to accommodate aircraft anticipated to start arriving in 2020. Although this beddown decision will base up to 72 aircraft at Hill AFB and 18 aircraft at Burlington AGS, the actual number of aircraft is limited by Congressional approval and funding and aircraft acquisition.

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